

CLASSIFIL MESSAGE

DATE : 20 JUN 54

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TO : DIRECTOR

CIA HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAM

FROM : LINCOLN

RELEASE AS SANITIZED

ACTION: WH (PBS) (1-3)

2003

INFO : DCI (4), D/DCI (5), DD/P (L) (6), PM (7), WH (8), SA/PC/DCI (9)

Can 298 (IN 2009)
SHERWOOD (NUMBER MISSING, 1321Z 20 JUN 54
~~BEING SERVICED~~)

ROUTINE
PRECEDENCE

TO: (OPERATIONAL INFO: DIR
IMMEDIATE) SLING (FCP)

CITE: SHERWOOD

PBCABOOSE AFTER MISSION REPORT:

1.

A. C 19

B. 1804

C. 2013

D. CG 3746

E. SEARCHED AREA 12 MINUTES ROAD SYSTEM THOROUGHLY

COVERED NO PANELS OR SIGNALS WEST SIDE TOWN. DREW SMALL ARMS
FIRE ONE ROUND ENTERED RIGHT SIDE. LARGE HOLE LEFT SIDE. BELIEVE
SAME ROUND. EST 30 CAL. LEFT TARGET THEN DROPPED LEAFLETS OVER
ELPROGRESSO. CREW SAYS DEFINITELY NO RECEPTION TEAM. CARGO RETURNED
SOMERSET.

2.

A. C 20

B. 1800

C. 2015

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D. CG 3746

E. SEARCHED AREA 15 MINUTES. NO PANELS OR SIGNAL EAST SIDE TOWN. SEARCHED ROAD SYSTEM CLOSELY, DREW SMALL ARMS FIRE. LEFT TARGET AREA DROPPED LEAFLETS OVER ELPROGRESSO AND ASOGION (ALSO RECEIVED ASOCIEN) MITA FROM LOW ALTITUDE AT HIGH C-47 SPEED. CARGO RETURNED SOMERSET.

3.

A. F 3

B. 1740

C. 1930

D. CG 3746

E. MADE FIVE PASSES OVER JUTZAPA FIRING OVER TOWN EACH PASS. STATES FEW PEOPLE IN STREETS FIRST PASS THEN GHOST TOWN. PILOT SAYS WAS HIT SEVERAL TIMES. CLOSE ESCORT OF C-47 WHILE OVER WSBURNT. PILOT STATES: MADE NORMAL APPROACH FOR LAND AT SOMERSET. LOWERED GEAR, FELT THUMP OR JERK WHEN GEAR WENT DOWN, LOWERED FLAPS, TURNED ON LANDING LIGHTS, FLARED OUT FOR LANDING, ALL LIGHTS WENT OUT ON AIRCRAFT JUST BEFORE TOUCHDOWN. NEXT REALIZED PROP HITTING RUN WAY LIGHTLY AND AIRCRAFT SETTLED ON BELLY AND SLID OFF RIGHT SIDE RUNWAY. PILOT UNHURT. STATES BELIEVES GEAR FOLDED AFTER ROLLING SOME DISTANCE. STATES NO WARNING HORN SOUNDED. ~~DEYI~~ BRODFROST AND ~~W~~ WERE WATCHING FIGHTERS LAND. JUST OFF END OF RUNWAY BEFORE FLARE OUT ALL

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LIGHTS WENT OUT ON AIRCRAFT. WERE FORTUNATE IT SLID OFF RIGHT. SIDE RUNWAY ON GRASS. NOW FACED WITH GETTING IT FIXED BEFORE DAY. EXTENT OF DAMAGE UNDETERMINED AT PRESENT. MAY HAVE TO PAINT LOCAL INSIGNA OR COVER WITH TARPS IN BOX SHAPE IF CANNOT GET MOVED TONIGHT. ACCIDENT BELIEVED TO BE RESULT OF BATTLE DAMAGE. WILL MAKE INVESTIGATION WHEN AIRCRAFT RAISED. PICKING UP LOTS OF HOLES. WHEN DO WE SHOOT BACK?

4.

- A. F 4
- B. 174
- C. 1930
- D. CG 3746

E. MADE FIVE PASSES OVER TOWN VERY LOW STRAFFING ABOVE BUILDINGS WITH TAIL LOW TO AVOID HITTING CITY. DREW SMALL ARMS FIRE. A/C HIT ONCE OVER AIRPORT AND ONCE OVER TOWN. TWO CAL 30 HOLE HIT A/C. ONE RIGHT WING OTHER LEFT FUSELAGE. FIRED OVER ELPROGRESSO, ASUNCION, MITA. STATES GOOD LEAFLET COVERAGE FROM C-47 OVER ASUNCION MIRA. PILOT STATES POSITIVE NO ROUNDS HE FIRED LANDED IN POPULATED AREA. PILOT STATES ALL THREE TOWNS BARE OF PEOPLE.

END OF MESSAGE

CABLE SECRETARIAT COMMENT: TREATED AS RYBAT PBSUCCESS

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